

SECOND YEAR—NO. 424.

BENTON HARBOR, MICH., FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1897.

LOTS OF TIMBER YET.

Over 6,000,000 Acres of Hardwood Timber is Still Standing in Michigan.

7,750,000 ACRES OF PINE LAND.

Berrien County Has 35,000 Acres of Hardwood and 230 Acres of Pine Land.

Labor Commissioner Morse is about to issue a chapter of forestry statistics for Michigan. The total figures show there are in the state 6,106,077 acres of hardwood, 775,208 of pine, 1,468,166 of hemlock, 5,060,810 of plains, 3,205,667 of swamp. All of the areas listed as plains is partly covered with bushes and scattering trees, while all of the swamp is partly covered with small timber and bushes.

For Berrien and counties near by the figures are as follows:

Berrien county has 35,388 acres of hardwood, 230 acres of pine, 320 acres of hemlock, 9,022 acres of plains, 20,603 acres of swamp.

Cass county has 28,468 acres of hardwood, no pine, 200 acres of hemlock, 2,846 acres of plains, 27,981 acres of swamp.

Allegan county has 29,748 acres of hardwood, 82 acres of pine, 70 acres of hemlock, 72,030 acres of plains, 33,163 acres of swamp.

Van Buren county has 28,355 acres of hardwood, 20 of pine, no hemlock, 17,811 of plains, 22,647 of swamp.

Harry county has 39,691 acres of hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 3,149 acres of plains, 19,570 acres of swamp.

Kalamazoo county has 28,185 acres of hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 965 acres of plains, 12,281 acres of swamp.

800 DOGS.

It is Declared There Are That Many In Benton Harbor.

A prominent citizen declares that there are at least 800 dogs in Benton Harbor. The canines are so numerous that complaints of their depredations are pouring in to the city authorities from all sources and some action on the part of the city council looking toward the extermination of the brutes is demanded.

The operations of the dog catchers last summer did not have a depopulating effect on the canine element, according to the opinion of the aforesaid prominent citizen. Dogs were never more numerous in Benton Harbor. They visit back doors and scarcely wait for the milkman to disappear around the corner of the house before their noses are thrust into the milk receptacles.

Hams, shoulders, side meat and sausage, left in out houses, disappear and the owners are apprised of the nature of the intruder by canine tracks around the house. The dog question seems to be one of considerable seriousness and one which the city will soon be called upon to wrestle with.

NEWS OF THE STATE

At a recent reception given Gen. Alger at Detroit, Warren Mcumber, now a driver in the fire department, and who was Gen. Alger's orderly in the war, came to pay his respects to his former chief. Grasping the general's hand in his own, Mcumber leaned forward and kissed Gen. Alger, and several handkerchiefs were pressed to the eyes of those near by as they witnessed this feeling expression of affection.

Calamity Overhanging Niles

Dowagiac News: D. E. Mittan, of Niles, who, as stated in yesterday's News, was in the city, is contemplating making this place his future home.

Here is a chance to get a new eight room house in good location, cheaper than can be duplicated by any one in Benton Harbor. Will take a good span of horses and one or two cows in part payment. Inquire at McDonald's lumber yard, West Main St.

Only rounded spoonfuls are required of Cleveland's BAKING POWDER.

not heaping ones.

IN CASE OF RIOTS.

The New Military Company Offers Its Services.

The St. Joseph military company met last night and appointed a committee composed of A. L. Versaw, J. E. Riley and Roy K. Moulton, to offer the services of the company to Sheriff Ferguson and the mayors of the two cities for riot duty.

The orderly sergeant was instructed to correspond with the adjutant general relative to securing uniforms and arms for the members of the company. Eight new members were received.

DISCOURAGED FRUIT GROWERS.

They Come Here From New York and Other States to Locate.

The report that the fruit buds in this vicinity have been injured by the cold snap has not scared away people who are looking for fruit country in which to locate. The fact is that the peach trees are in excellent shape for crop next year. Some of the buds have been killed, enough so that fruit growers will not be required to spend \$25 per acre to thin out the fruit next summer.

A gentleman from New York who for several years has suffered failure of crops will arrive here very soon and expects to purchase several hundred acres of fruit land and a residence in this city. An idea of the extensive business he carried on in New York may be had from the fact that he owned his own steamers which carried his products to market down a little river in northern New York. Other smaller growers who are discouraged with the uncertain crops in other parts are looking to the Michigan fruit belt as a new field for their business and to the city of Benton Harbor for a home.

A QUEER CASE.

Secretary of the Niles Paper Company in Trouble.

The Niles Paper Mill company are the defendants in a peculiar suit to be tried this week in the circuit court at Kalamazoo. The plaintiffs are Smith, Stillwell, Bierer & Company, of Kalamazoo, and they will be represented by Gore & Harvey, of this city.

The suit is brought to recover on an account of \$600, representing a quantity of machinery purchased by the secretary of the Niles Paper Mill company on the credit of Mr. Niles concern and ordered shipped by him to the Allegan Paper company at Allegan, in which he is president and one of the chief stockholders.

The Niles company will endeavor to show that the machinery was purchased without their knowledge and in fraud of its rights.

CHAIN LINKS IN HIS LUNGS.

The Cause of the Death of Phillip Brew Near Gallon.

GALION, Feb. 11.—Phillip Brew died at New Carlisle, Ind., seven miles from here yesterday afternoon, from the effects of two links of log chain which had been in his lung 30 years.

Brew served in the late war without harm. Shortly after the war he attended a logging bee. A heavy chain broke and two links struck him on the left side above the heart, pushed through his body, and lodged directly under the shoulder blade. He did not have the links removed, and they bothered him ever since, appearing sometimes in one part of the body, sometimes in another. The last few days he bled profusely from the mouth.

At his own request, the links will be cut out by the physicians. The case is attracting considerable attention among the medical profession.

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READS LIKE FICTION.

Story of the Proceedings in the Famous Hickory Creek Drain.

FARMERS NOW FIGHTING IT.

Artificial Waterway Extending Through Lake And Weesaw Township.

The history of Hickory Creek drain reads like a romance.

Hickory Creek drain is an artificial waterway and as surveyed will traverse a great tract of lowland extending through Weesaw and Lake townships. There was a necessity for the drain and the majority of the fruit growers whose farms it crosses favored it, otherwise its construction would never have begun.

The application for the drain was made and filed with Drain Commissioner Clark December 28, 1894. It starts in section one of Weesaw township and entering Lake traverses that township its entire length, following as near as practicable the general course of Hickory Creek. The application was signed by 23 of the property holders whose lands the drain traversed and it was then admitted that the establishment of the drain was conducive to the public health and business interests of the community.

The contract for constructing the drain was awarded J. M. Allmendinger of this city, for \$6,000. Contractor Allmendinger began the work of excavating last summer and when he had completed almost a mile of the ditch it leaked out that the drain proceedings of the commissioner were illegal and a few of the land owners who were assessed for the benefit of the drain, but who opposed its construction, seized at this opportunity to prevent further work. They created sentiment against the building of the waterway to such an extent that several of the farmers whose lands the drain passed were induced to commence trespass proceedings against Contractor Allmendinger.

Mr. Allmendinger caused his attorneys, Gore & Harvey, to quietly investigate the proceedings of the drain commissioner. They learned that glaring irregularities existed and that it would be impossible for Mr. Allmendinger to collect on his contract after the drain was completed unless the proceedings of the commissioner were corrected.

This discovery placed Mr. Allmendinger in dire straits. He must if possible secure a correction in the proceedings without suffering the loss of the expense of \$2,000 and how to do this was a serious problem. He finally saw a way out. He continued with the prosecution of his work on the drain, his attorneys succeeding in adjourning the trespass suits from one week to another during which time he succeeded in influencing a friendly party in the person of Charles L. Lemon, of Lake township, to file a bill in chancery asking that Mr. Allmendinger be restrained from further work upon the proposed waterway.

The case was argued before Judge Coolidge, a Niles, Gore & Harvey appearing for the petitioner, Charles L. Lemon and James O'Hara representing Mr. Allmendinger. The injunction was granted and in his order Judge Coolidge decreed that all proceedings of the drain commissioner relative to Hickory Creek drain, subsequent to the first order of determination therein, and except such releases of right of way as may have been executed and delivered, were insufficient, illegal and void.

Mr. Allmendinger at once ceased work and the drain commissioner set to work to correct the proceedings back to the first order of determination.

The opposition to the construction has greatly increased and the question of the commissioner's right to correct the proceedings has become an issue. Many of the property holders hold that another application for the drain must be filed and the proceedings from the beginning as required by the drain law observed before the drain can be established.

This question will be determined before the judge of probate February 23, at which time a warm strife, it is expected will be witnessed.

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INJURED WHILE COASTING.

Agard Bailey, Son of the Banker, Meets With an accident.

Agard Bailey, son of Banker S. A. Bailey received a severe injury to his knees today while coasting on the hill by the water works station. An ugly wound, laying the flesh open almost to the bone, was discovered by Dr. George Bell who was called to attend the injured boy. The bone was not injured and the physician says the wound will heal without affecting the leg.

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Save your money. But if you must get rid of it spend it on good things like those fine candies at Bird's drug store.

STORY OF RICHES.

It is Told Concerning a Berrien County Man.

The Detroit Evening News prints the story that Joseph Ormslecker, a farmer living five miles south of St. Joseph, is said to have found \$10,000 while digging a cellar for a new house. The money was in a rusty iron box and consisted mostly of gold coin.

Mr. Ormslecker kept his find a secret for some time, but finally sold his farm and moved to Chicago with his newfound wealth. He is a native of Germany and can scarcely speak English. It is said that the money was buried by an Indian chief 35 years ago, to prevent it from being stolen by a rival tribe. The Indians soon came here 25 years ago to find the money, which he said had been buried on the bank of a stream near a pine tree.

BY A VIOLENT DOG.

A Child on Brittan Avenue a Sad Suffferer.

The three year old child of Mrs. Abar, who lives at the foot of Brittan avenue, was badly bitten by a mad dog this morning. The child was at play.

The dog bit through the upper lip and badly lacerated the lower lip of the child. Dr. Freymeyer took three stitches in the upper lip and dressed the wounds in the lower lip.

The matter has been reported to the police and when the owner of the dog is located, he will probably be invited to shoot the dangerous brute.

ST. JOSEPH.

Fred Potter has returned from Holland where he was employed by the Mengenthaler Linotype company as operator.

Robert E. Wrege who has been occupied with the construction of the fog whistle here has returned to Detroit.

James Sasseman of Baroda, was convicted this morning before Justice Baldwin on the charge of being drunk and disorderly and was sentenced to 20 days in the county jail.

The Nineteenth Century Club is entertaining the other ladies' clubs of the two cities at the home of Mrs. H. B. Rosenberger this afternoon.

The operetta, "Penelope," will be presented at the Hotel Whitcomb tonight for the benefit of the ladies' guild of the Episcopal church. Dancing will be enjoyed after the entertainment.

Miss Mamie Lynch was very cleverly and delightfully surprised at her home on Cleveland avenue last night by several sleighloads of merry-making friends.

A masquerade ball will be held at the Academy of Music tonight.

The next meeting of the Prosperity Club will occur at the residence of Dona Hutchinson.

Mrs. Haslett left today for Chicago to join her son, H. B. Haslett, clerk of the steamer Jay Gould, whose sudden disappearance Monday caused considerable excitement.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Fred Allen visited some of the classes Wednesday afternoon.

Philip Kephart, class of '96, was present during chapel Tuesday morning.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Richards of Fair Plain were visitors Tuesday afternoon.

This week has been one of interest in the rhetorical work. On Monday an essay on Shakespeare was read by Frank King in which the life of the great dramatist was well presented. On Tuesday a recitation by Arthur Merritt in which the fallings of the gentle sex were displayed on their shopping trips; also an essay on William Pitt by Earl Merry who characterized him as working toward the end of "making England the greatest country in the world and Lord Chatham the greatest man in England." On Wednesday a recitation by Maud Lester, Subject, "The dying newsboy." On Thursday a recitation by Roy McClurg, "The Lazy Family," depicting the sad fate of family who froze to death because they were not inclined to bring in wood to keep up the fire; an essay, "Colonel Ellsworth," by Howard Morgan, giving the life of the boy martyr of the civil war who was shot while tearing down the Confederate flag which had floated within plain sight of the capital buildings at Washington.

THE WEATHER.

Snow flurries this afternoon and tonight. Cloudy and snow tomorrow.

OYSTER AND LARD SALE.

J. S. LaPoint Will Serve the Public Again Tomorrow.

Tomorrow J. S. LaPoint, the meat and oyster dealer on the corner of Pipestone and Brittan will sell:

Choice Baltimore oysters at 25 cents a quart.

Fine leaf lard at 6 cents per pound.

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Ladies' Cloth Capes from \$3.89 to \$7.98, worth \$6.50 to \$10.00.		
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1897.

THAT BALL.

Chicago Record: It is earnestly to be hoped that this Bradley Martin function does not represent the ultimate reach of New York society.

The ball was as fine as about \$500,000 could make it, but it is not learned that the Bradley Martins have struck the limit of ball giving. What is wanted in the next great social display in the eastern metropolis is a show which will really be unsurpassable in its proof that the hosts and guests have so much money that it is a hard job to spend it.

It is to be trusted that the successor of Mrs. Bradley Martin in her efforts to make something really worth while will not neglect to exhibit her bank account, for instance, in each of the rooms where the reception is to be held. Mrs. Martin stood on a dais embowered with flowers, but a dais embowered with a fine floral display of United States greenbacks would serve the purpose much better. Four or five dinners should be served throughout the evening, and the caterer's bill, printed on embossed paper and neatly tucked in under the dessert, should be handed to each guest. Every guest should be allowed to wear a tag showing the cost of his apparel and the exact size and heft of his or her jewelry. A detective neatly costumed in broadcloth and a white waistcoat should, of course, accompany every visitor from the time he leaves his carriage until the time he finishes feeding and dancing and starts for home. After that it will be sufficient to have the members of the Broadway squad look after him until he gets to his residence.

This would be a ball worth talking about. If it failed to attract sufficient attention, a brass band carrying illuminated placards detailing the glories of the event could be hired to march up and down 5th avenue, and public speakers could be seen to talk about it on the street corners. Afterward the hosts could issue a certified statement detailing the cost of the whole show and presenting affidavits to prove that the entire amount expended would be bigger than one of Mr. Pierpont Morgan's biggest bond deals. Let's have some style about us.

The Chicago Times-Herald quotes Major McKinley as saying that the politicians who want consular appointments must wait awhile. Mr. McKinley says his first duty is to call an extra session of congress to pass laws to bring relief to a suffering country. He will look after the needs of the hungry politicians after relief has been given a starving country. The people will applaud this decision.

GENERAL Newton Martin Curtis, a congressman living at Ogdensburg, N. Y., will soon talk to the Michigan legislature on capital punishment, a subject in which Mr. Curtis pronounces himself an authority. Mr. Curtis is over six feet tall. In the battle at Fort Fisher he lost one of his eyes and for this he has called himself the "Hero of Fort Fisher." The story was generally circulated at his home after the war that the real hero at that historic battle was not General Curtis but the contents of a flask which had disappeared a short time before. If the general doesn't know any more about capital punishment than he did about English grammar ten years ago the members of the legislature who happen to miss his talk will be lucky.

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SILVER MEN VICTORS

They Gain a Point in the Discussion on Gold Contracts in the House.

INTEREST IN GOLD OR SILVER.

Senator Morgan Ventured His Spite on President Cleveland in the Senate Yesterday.

Washington, Feb. 12.—The major portion of the day in the house yesterday was consumed in a political debate on the financial question which was precipitated by an innocent provision in a bill providing for funding the debt of Arizona territory. The bill aroused the opposition of McMillin of Tennessee because it provided for gold bonds and the payment of interest in gold or its equivalent. Knox of Massachusetts said that the stipulation regarding gold bonds applied only to Arizona which had outstanding gold bonds to pay.

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GIVEN THE NAME OF A MALE.

Youngest Cleveland Child Baptized by the Name of "Marion."

Washington, Feb. 12.—"Marion," the youngest of the three daughters of President and Mrs. Cleveland, was christened at the White House yesterday. The ceremony was the brief, impressive one of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Byron S. Sunderland, the pastor of the First Presbyterian church of this city, which the president and his wife have usually attended, officiated. The and ladies: Mr. Goodyear, of Buffalo; Mr. and Mrs. Perrine; Mr. and Mrs. Richard Watson Gilder, of New York; and Mr. and Mrs. Thurber.

Red Violates His Own Rule.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Speaker Reed made an order a few days ago absolutely prohibiting "smoking in the corridors, elevators and passageways" of the house, and directing policemen and other employees to see that the rule was observed. A couple of days later the speaker himself strolled leisurely out of the house through the corridors smoking a cigar. The Capitol police started to intercept him, then halted. Each said to the other, "You go." Before they had reached a decision as to who should enforce the rules Speaker Reed vanished. And now they don't know whether Reed was not testing the efficiency of the police.

Must Hire a Freight Ship.

Washington, Feb. 12.—Senator Perkins has been making some inquiries relative to sending a United States vessel to India with corn and has been informed by the secretary of the navy that a naval vessel could not be used for the purpose. As to the prospect of getting an appropriation for another vessel leading senators informed him that it would be impossible to get such an appropriation through congress.

Exports of Domestic Products.

Washington, Feb. 12.—According to tables of the bureau of statistics the total exports of domestic products during the seven months ended Jan. 31 last amounted to \$334,884,611, against \$31,696,715 for the corresponding period in the preceding year.

WISCONSIN IN FINANCIAL STRAITS.

Deficit of Over \$300,000 in the General Fund—Legislative Note.

Madison, Feb. 12.—Governor Scofield yesterday morning sent to the legislature a special message calling attention to the state finances and making recommendations to the legislature. The message announces a deficit of over \$300,000 in the general fund, explains how it happened and recommends a tax of 6¢ of a mill. The senate refused to concur in the house amendments to the joint resolution for a banking code revision committee, and killed the bill to make street railway property subject to the same rules of taxation as other property. A substitute covering the same end will come up later.

In the house a bill was introduced for the removal of the seat of the state government to Milwaukee. A condition of the bill that before July 1 the people of Milwaukee vote to issue \$1,000,000 of bonds to erect a state capitol and donate three acres of property and build an executive residence. The judiciary committee reported favorably the bill committee the bank examiner under the control of the state treasurer.

MICHIGAN'S VOTE IN PERIL.

Might Have Been Thrown Out of the Electoral Count for Legal Cause.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12.—Since the formal announcement in congress of the result of the electoral vote it has been made known that the Michigan electoral vote has all along been in danger of being declared void. The act passed by the last legislature which prescribes the duties of county canvassers makes no provision for canvassing the vote cast for presidential electors, although it repeals all other laws on the subject.

The few officials and others whose attention was drawn to this situation last summer, all of whom are Republicans, kept it very quiet, although the possibility that the vote of Michigan might be required to settle the question caused considerable nervousness for a time.

The question was never raised, and the Democratic state committee seems not to have been cognizant of the oversight of the law. It will be amended by the present legislature.

Change in the Style of Visitors.

Canton, O., Feb. 12.—The library of Major McKinley is inadequate nowadays to accommodate the large number of visitors. A noticeable change has taken place in the prominence of the callers. Occasionally a senator, representative, general or cabinet member drops into the city, but the majority of the callers are those who wish to speak for minor offices for themselves or a friend.

Illinois State Geologist.

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 12.—Governor Tanner, Secretary of State Rose and Superintendent of Public Instruction Ingalls appointed G. C. Krantz, of Chicago, State geologist.

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20 lbs. Extra C Sugar.....	\$1.00	1 lb. package Best Polishing Starch.....	8c
5 gal. Galvanized Iron Siphon Can.....	90c	1-2 lb. Bakers' Chocolate.....	19c
Crackers, per pound.....	5c	Sweet Chocolate.....	7c
1 gal. Cider Vinegar.....	12c	California Peaches, 3 cans.....	15c
Golden Syrup, per gal.....	20c	Golden Pumpkin.....	9c
1 lb. Best Cocoanut.....	15c	Salt Pork.....	5c
1-2 lb. Best Cocoanut.....	10c	Arm and Hammer Soda.....	6c
2 lb. package Buckwheat.....	5c	Magic Yeast and Yeast Foam.....	3c
Matches, per package, 200 count.....	10c	25c Tea.....	19c
5 gallon Oil Can.....	50c	Sapote.....	8c
1 lb. Best 50c Tea.....	33c	Bulk Starch.....	4c
2 lb. package Boiled Oats.....	7c	1 lb. Dr. Price's Baking Powder.....	40c
1 lb. Good Java Coffee.....	28c	Salt, per sack.....	3c

Compare these prices with what you are paying at credit stores and you will be convinced that we can save you money.

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SPRING GREETING 1897

To the ladies of the Twin Cities and Vicinity:

We have just opened one of the largest stocks of spring dress goods ever brought to Berrien county and invite you all to call upon us at your earliest convenience.

We have the latest things in the all wool and wool mixtures varieties and our new wash goods are simply grand.

You should not fail to see these things before they are gone, as they are beyond all doubt the handsomest ever opened here.

Our new muslin underwear is in and we are opening the new embroideries today.

JAMES POUND

SMOKE!

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The air is filled with smoke.

What kind of smoke?

Why from the EVENING NEWS
and K. P. Cigars.

CARNEGIE ALL RIGHT.

The Collapse of the Steel Rail Combine Has No Terror for This Millionaire.

HE IS READY FOR COMPETITION

The Pittsburg Iron King Holds a Conference With His Lieutenants.

Pittsburg, Feb. 12.—Andrew Carnegie arrived in the city Wednesday night and was closeted yesterday with the officials of the Carnegie Steel company, limited, denying himself to all interviewers.

None of the officials of the company would express themselves upon the recent collapse of the billet and rail pools, and the threatened dissolution of the iron ore combination. The iron and steel market is in a highly agitated state over the present condition, but it is evident that the Carnegie company is by no means worried over the prospect of open markets with the fiercest competition. A prominent steel manufacturer said: "As far as low prices on billets and steel rails are concerned, it is generally conceded that the Carnegies are prepared to compete under any conditions. Their recent completion of the two largest blast furnaces in the world, by which the cost of pig iron is reduced; their alliance with the coke interests, and the fact that they are paying a wage scale which contains a 10 per cent. bonus that can be taken off at any time, gives them an advantage that is conceded in iron and steel circles."

Iron Ore Combine May Also Collapse.

"A matter that is interesting the trade particularly at this time is the question whether the iron ore combination can withstand the influence that has been wrecking the combinations on finished products. Last year the output of ore was apportioned among the manufacturers with a view to limiting the production to 10,000,000 tons and putting the price up from \$2.90 per ton to \$3 and sustaining it at that point. This was accomplished throughout the year, but it had as a sustaining influence the steel rail, billet and beam pools, which kept up the price of finished products."

The recent fifty-year lease of the Mountain Iron mine in the Mesabi range from the Rockefeller interests by the Carnegie Steel company may prove a large factor in the ore pool. It will enable this company to secure a large amount of its ore at a decided advantage, and this advantage will be enhanced by the low railroad rates on the Butler and Pittsburg railroad, which the Carnegie company is building from Pittsburgh to the lakes."

HOW IT IS VIEWED AT CLEVELAND.

Steel Pool Collapse Is the All-Absorbing Topic of Conversation.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—The collapse of the steel pool and the sharp decline in prices is the all-absorbing topic of conversation around the offices of ore producers and iron and steel manufacturers in this city. The ore producers have held several meetings here during the past two or three months, but in each case have adjourned without deciding upon a policy or fixing prices for the present year. Another meeting was to have taken place here Feb. 16, but it is stated that for various reasons it has been postponed and will not be held until toward the latter part of the present month. It is expected then that the ore men will either enter into a joint agreement with regards to output and prices or will decide to let each man shift for himself.

John D. Rockefeller has been represented in the meetings of the ore producers heretofore held during the winter, and it is understood will be represented at the coming gathering this month. The consensus of opinion among the larger ore producers seems to be that there is no better reason than ever why the operators should enter into an agreement. It is pointed out that with the collapse of the steel pool and the demoralization of prices on finished goods, there must necessarily be a big increase in consumption on account of buyers desiring to take advantage of low prices. This will, of course, stimulate the demand for ore and the operators while admitting that their prices should largely be regulated by quotations on the finished product, believe that they should now, of all times, work together harmoniously.

One of the largest ore producers on Lake Superior said that beyond the fact that Mr. Carnegie had leased from John D. Rockefeller one or two mines, he felt confident that there had been no further deal between them and that all the talk about consolidation of interests or working arrangement between the two was without foundation.

What is called the last move in a long line of reductions has been made by Carnegie. Heretofore he has revalued his ore through middlemen.

Heretofore he will use the Rockefeller one, and it will be looked after by his Cleveland agent.

An item of interest in connection with the collapse of the rail pool is the fact that the Cleveland rolling Mill company has been receiving \$100,000 per annum for refraining from making steel rails.

Many of the Cleveland ore men claim that the ore pool is not affected by the death of the rail and billet pools for the reason that the railroads, taking advantage of the lower prices, are putting in heavy orders for rails which will call for a vast quantity of ore.

No Truth in the Report.

Youngstown, O., Feb. 12.—Regarding the report sent out that the Merchants' Bar iron association has disbanded, James N. Nutt, secretary of the association, says: "There is absolutely no truth in the report that the association has disbanded. We have a report of this kind about once every month and I am at a loss to understand how the rumors get about. The next meeting of the association will be held in March."

Michigan Federation of Labor.

Lansing, Mich., Feb. 12.—The executive board of the Michigan Federation of Labor met here yesterday and carried out part of the programme to hasten legislation for abolishing convict labor in prisons when it conflicts with free labor. A boycott was declared against the Brook-Burnett shirt company, of Albany, N. Y., which has a contract

TROUBLE IN CRETE.

John Bull Had an Army of 1,000 to Fight 20,000 Barbaric Warriors.

SITUATION IS BELLIGERENT.

Battle Scene That Recalls Scott's Stories of the Crusaders.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Bida, dated Jan. 27, gives additional details concerning the advance of the columns of the royal Niger company's expedition against the emir of Nupe. The fighting in the vicinity of Bida, the Fulah capital, which was stopped by darkness on the evening of Jan. 26, was resumed at daylight on the morning of Jan. 27. Half of the British forces, which consisted of 500 troops, six Maxim, twenty-six mounted officers and 900 carriers, were ordered to cross a ravine near the ridge on which the troops of the royal Niger company's expedition had been stationed during the night. As they crossed the ravine it was noticed that the Fulah scouts were watching. The troops accordingly formed in a half square, the guns following, the rear half of the force then closed on the front half, forming a complete square. The British forces advanced steadily, halting every 200 yards for the purpose of allowing the guns to keep pace.

Forces of the Enemy Appear.
The massed forces of the enemy soon appeared, covering the surrounding slopes and constituting a splendid panorama, their eastern or semi-barbarous costumes in the sunlight recalling Scott's tales of the crusaders. The square of the royal Niger company's forces was soon completely surrounded by 20,000 cavalry and footmen. The reduction from the estimate of 30,000 made on Jan. 26 was due to the death of two of the important princes, rulers of the Moslem states, allies of the Mohammedan emir of Nupe and vassals like the emir of Nupe dependent on the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto. When these two princes and rulers were killed by the shells of the British forces withdrew from the army of the emir of Nupe.

Fulah Sharpshooters Were Daring.
The royal Niger troops continued to advance slowly until they reached a ridge town commanding Bida. They then took up a strong position on the reverse of the slope and continued to reconnnoiter throughout the day. Their forces were constantly harassed by the Fulah sharpshooters, who daringly advanced to within a hundred yards of the square. Swarms of the enemy's cavalry charged on the royal Niger forces, but they were badly shattered, owing to the effective use of the Maxim guns. At 10:30 the artillery began bombarding the town, six Maxim guns playing on the gradually retiring masses of the enemy.

Canes Near Killing the Knir.

At noon the advance company of the troops entered Bida, which is a town three miles square. Bombarding of a portion of the town was resumed, however, lasting until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when one half of the Hausa troops took possession of the town. Only fifteen of the Hausa troops were wounded. The losses of the Fulah forces were enormous. The brother of the emir of Nupe and many of the princes were severely wounded by a shell which exploded among the members of the staff of the emir, killing two men who were standing within a foot of them at the time. All of the Fulah princes fled in the direction of Sokoto.

THIRTEEN VILLAGES IN FLAMES.

Latest News from the Island of Crete—Christians Killing Moslems.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to The Times from Caneo says that the latest telegram from Sitala reports thirteen villages now in flames. The Christians are killing the Mohammedan inhabitants. Those who have succeeded in escaping from the scene of the massacres are flocking to Sitala, which is still in the possession of the Turks. It is feared that this news will produce a dangerous reaction at Heraklion. It is probable that the persistence of the Mohammedans in preventing the departure of Christians and foreigners will make necessary active measures on the part of the commanders of the foreign fleet. An Italian officer of the new gunnery department has gone to Kisumu to investigate the reports of the atrocities there.

A dispatch to The Times from Constantinople says that a special cabinet council is sitting at Yildiz Palace for the purpose of discussing the situation in Crete. A dispatch to The Times from Vienna says that it is stated that Austria will remonstrate with Greece against the dispatch of a torpedo flotilla to Crete under the command of Prince George. The papers are full of long telegrams from European capitals, and editorials dealing with the gravity of the situation in Crete, and expressing fears of war between Turkey and Greece.

The Daily News correspondent at Home says: "I learn that although the powers have admonished Greece against precipitating a war they have given her to understand that if she succeeds in occupying Crete they will not object to the accomplished fact."

Casty Fire at Chicago.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the four-story brick building at 172 Madison street. The building was entirely burned out at a loss of about \$10,000 to its owners and entailing a loss of \$60,000 to Postor, Son & Co. The flames spread to the six-story building adjoining on the east and ruined the two upper stories. This building is occupied by Powers & O'Brien, who ran an elaborate saloon. Their loss will be heavy.

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KNIGHTS OF THE MACCABEES, BENTON HARBOR, No. 122, I.O.O.F. MEETS Every Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in their lounge opposite the post office. All visiting brothers are cordially invited.

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WANTED A STEADY COMPETENT GIRL for general house work. One that intends to work all summer, none other need apply. Wages \$3. Mrs. M. E. Schier, 1722 Broadway.

WANTED A STRICTLY FIRST CLASS Veener machine hand. State reference, experience. Address J. S. Chadwick, 216 N. Green street, Chicago.

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WANTED A GOOD LIVE AGENT, WORK among business men. Exclusive territory, and good pay to party. Address, H. E. Heidling, Benton Harbor, Mich.

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FOR SALE—TWO NEW MILCH COWS, cheap. Peter Bros., Coloma, Mich.

FOR RENT—A MODERN COTTAGE OF eight rooms and barn, \$7 per month if taken at once. \$8 without rent. F. F. Pratt.

FOR SALE—PERFECT FOR SALE, A. H. Parfitt, corner Fair and Britain avenue.

FOR SALE—THREE TEAMS OF HEAVY work horses. Inquire at Thomas Evans at 2nd floor or C. D. Evans, 4012.

FOR SALE—GREEN WOOD AT \$1.30 PER cord delivered. Call or address 117 Garland avenue.

FOR SALE—TWO GOOD SECOND HAND organs for sale. Inquire at 13 Cedar street, Benton Harbor.

FOR SALE—\$25.00 Early Harvest Blackberry plants. Call on or address Allen Brinson, 3004.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED ROOMS BY THE day, week or month. White House Hotel, 16 Territorial street.

FOR SALE OR RENT—LARGE 17 ROOM modern house, corner Second and Miller streets, for sale on easy terms will rent to the right people. S. M. Austin.

FOR SALE—A GOOD HOUSE, LOT AND GARAGE, located on cash terms. It is located at the corner of Washington and Miller streets, as pleasant a location as can be found in the city of Benton Harbor and in good condition. For price and terms call on Dr. Freeman, 107 Washington street.

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ST. A GIRL'S LOCKET AND CHAIN. Inquire at Michael & Beeny for re-

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Mrs. G. VOSBURGH, 155 CEDAR STREET, experienced nurse can furnish good reference, invites the public for their patronage.

Grand Ball at Water Lakes.

A grand ball at Forest Home hall, Sister Lakes, on February 22, 1897. Music furnished by Beck with his memorable theatre orchestra. Good hotel accommodations.

After the Elopement.

Artie—Darling, you have no idea how anxious I was while you were coming down the rope ladder. I was so afraid you had got fastened it securely above.

Susie—You needn't have been alarmed, dear. Papa tied the knot for me.—Detroit Free Press.

Lester's Home Meal.

The season for home meal is at hand. For Joseph Lester's celebrated meal orders may be left with P. Boehm, Benton Harbor.

C. H. FARNUM, General Agent.

Real Estate Transfer.

Theresa M. Letcher to Laura W. Let-

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SOCIETY'S CORNER.

What Benton Harbor People and Their Societies Are Doing.

Attorney Victor M. Gore returned last evening from a business trip to Cleveland, Ohio. He also called on President elect McKinley at Canton and matured an acquaintance formed at Detroit some time ago.

Lorado Taft, the celebrated sculptor, will deliver a lecture at Conkey's hall, Friday evening, February 26, under the auspices of the Art League. "Contemporaneous French Art" will be the subject of the lecture and it will be illustrated by at least 150 stereopticon views. Lorado Taft is a lecturer in the Chicago Art Institute and the University of Chicago.

The ball of the Morton Hose Company takes place to night at Conkey's hall, and although the "boys" do not expect it to rival in brilliancy the Bradley Martin blow out, they hope to make it one to be remembered by those who attend. There is no reason why the firemen should not anticipate a large attendance. Of all citizens none are more self-sacrificing, prompt and willing to obey when the call of duty summons them. Theirs is a life, when on duty surrounded with danger, and there are heroes in the fire company equally as brave and unselfish as in that line of men who march up to the cannon's mouth. The object of the dance is for a noble cause, the proceeds are to be devoted to "beautify the last resting place of brothers and companions."

A Benton Harbor lady who has just returned from a visit to Delton, Barry county, brought home a compliment for the Hon. Victor M. Gore. During the campaign Mr. Gore spoke at Delton and the people there are still talking about his eloquence. The women were convinced, as well as the men, that the gold standard was all right. Said the young lady who played the piano at Mr. Gore's meeting: "If Mr. Gore is a fair representative of the Benton Harbor gentleman I think it must be a really delightful place to live."

John H. Jackson is sick with the grippe.

The up-to-date social and supper to be given by the Presbyterian Sunday school at the home of V. M. Gore, 151 Green avenue, will be on Wednesday evening, February 17. Notice the date has been changed from Friday, February 15, to the above date, February 17. Supper will be served for 15 cents and followed by a literary and musical program. All persons, young and old, are invited to attend and enjoy an evening with the Presbyterians.

Wednesday evening at the home of the junior exhibit at the college February 19 will be an education to every one dramatically inclined. Under the instruction of Miss Edison the expression, the pronunciation and gestures will be perfect.

LANSING has a lodge of the Order of Pioneers. It was organized last night by Attorney Hiels and starts out with 50 members, secured by R. A. Kneeland, who has been working for several weeks in the interest of the order.

Vice President Dean, of the Benton Harbor Electric Railway & Transit company, is expected home from Chicago tonight.

To Much in a Name.

"There it is again," groaned Chumpley. "This time he's arrested for blowing a safe. That fellow's making a long and dismal nightmare for me."

"What is it this time?"

"Same as it's been half a dozen other times—R. H. Chumpley caught in another desperate crime; my name, my initials. I'll bet there are thousand of people using that man's record in making up mine. Every once in awhile I pick up a paper to read that I've whipped my wife, though I never had such an article; raised a check, beaten a hotel, stolen a bicycle or committed a burglary."

"But no one will suspect you."

"They won't? I have a barrel of letters referring to the master. Ministers labor with me, lawyers offer to defend me, women most me to a turn and crooks want to enter into partnership with me. I have had some of the worst page you ever saw call upon me with a view to doing business."

"It doesn't seem possible."

"I tell you it's right. The thing's making me desperate. I've always led a respectable life, and to have this bugbear bobbing up continually is enough to drive a man crazy."

"I believe it's providential, Chumpley. I wouldn't accept that name of yours if a crown went with it. It's just as suggestive as Greenhorn would be. Every one who hears it thinks of a chump. Have it changed and thank your stars that some one else stole it."

Hudson's Wall.

Badrin, in A. D. 120, built a stone wall from Bowes, near Carlisle, 20 Solway frith, to the river Tyne, near Newcastle. It was 80 miles long and garrisoned by 10,000 troops. It was from 12 to 20 feet high at various points, 3 feet thick at the top and was provided with a gallery in the rear, which enabled its defenders to take their stand with only head and shoulders visible to the enemy. At every quarter of a mile there was a castle. At a garrison of troops. Beacon lights and signals were used, and on an attack whether by day or by night, the new wall was at once flushed up and down the w. all from sea to sea.

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Only three weeks are required to develop a perfect mosquito from the egg.

A cubic foot of distilled water weighs very nearly 1,000 ounces.

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ONE CENT.

LOTS OF TIMBER YET.

Over 6,000,000 Acres of Hardwood
Timber is Still Standing in
Michigan.

7,750,000 ACRES OF PINE LAND.
Berrien County Has 35,000 Acres
of Hardwood and 230 Acres
of Pine Land.

Labor Commissioner Morse is about
to issue a chapter of forestry statistics
for Michigan. The total figures show
there are in the state 6,166,977 acres of
hardwood, 775,208 of pine, 4,495,166 of
hemlock, 6,000,810 of spruce, 3,265,067
of swamp. All of the area listed as
plains is partly covered with bushes
and scattering trees while all of the
swamp is partly covered with small
timber and bushes.

For Berrien and counties near by the
figures are as follows:

Berrien county has 35,388 acres of
hardwood, 230 acres of pine, 320 acres
of hemlock, 9,922 acres of plains, 20,603
acres of swamp.

Cass county has 28,488 acres of
hardwood, no pine, 200 acres of hemlock,
2,886 acres of plains, 27,981 acres of
swamp.

Allendale county has 29,768 acres of
hardwood, 82 acres of pine, 70 acres of
hemlock, 72,630 acres of plains, 23,163
acres of swamp.

Van Buren county has 28,356 acres of
hardwood, 20 of pine, no hemlock, 17,811
acres of plains, 23,647 of swamp.

Berry county has 39,391 acres of hard-
wood, no pine, no hemlock, 9,149 acres
of plains, 19,579 acres of swamp.

Kalamazoo county has 28,185 acres of
hardwood, no pine, no hemlock, 935
acres of plains, 12,281 acres of swamp.

800 DOGS.

It is Declared There Are That Many
In Benton Harbor.

A prominent citizen declares that
there are at least 800 dogs in Benton
Harbor. The canines are so numerous
that complaints of their depredations
are pouring in to the city authorities
from all sources and some action on the
part of the city council looking toward
the extermination of the brutes is de-
manded.

The operations of the dog catchers
last summer did not have a depopula-
ting effect on the canine element, accord-
ing to the opinion of the aforementioned
prominent citizen. Dogs were never
more numerous in Benton Harbor. They
visit back doors and scarcely wait for
the milkman to disappear around the corner of the house before
their noses are thrust into the milk re-
ceptacles.

Hams, shoulders, side meat and
sausage, left in out houses, disappar-
eared and the owners are apprised of
the nature of the intruder by
canine tracks around the house.
The dog question seems to be one of
considerable seriousness, and one which
the city will soon be called upon to
wrestle with.

NEWS OF THE STATE

At a recent reception given Gen. Alger at Detroit, Warren McCumber, now
a driver in the fire department, and
who was Gen. Alger's orderly in the
war, came to pay his respects to his
former chief. Grasping the general's
hand in his own, McCumber leaned for-
ward and kissed Gen. Alger, and several
handkerchiefs were pressed to the
eyes of those near by as they witnessed
this feeling expression of affection.

CANADIAN OVERLANDING NILES

Dowagiac News: D. E. Mittan, of
Niles, who, as stated in yesterday's
News, was in the city, is contemplating
making this place his future home.

Here is a chance to get a new eight
room house in good location, cheaper
than can be duplicated by any one in
Benton Harbor. Will take a good price
of horses and one or two cows in part
payment. Inquire at McDonald's livery
yard, West Main St.

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IN CASE OF RIOTS.

The New Military Company Offers
its Services.

The St. Joseph military company
met last night and appointed a com-
mittee composed of A. L. Versaw, J.
E. Riley and Roy K. Moulton, to offer
the services of the company to Sheriff
Ferguson and the mayors of the two
cities for riot duty.

The orderly sergeant was instructed
to correspond with the adjutant general
relative to securing uniforms and
arms for the members of the company.
Eight new members were received.

DISCOURAGED FRUIT GROWERS.

They Come Here From New York
and Other States to Locate.

The report that the fruit buds in this
valley have been injured by the cold
snap has not scared away people who
are looking for fruit country in which
to locate. The fact is that the peach
trees are in excellent shape for a crop
next year. Some of the buds have been
killed, enough so that fruit growers will
not be required to spend \$25 per acre to
thin out the fruit next summer.

A gentleman from New York who for
several years has suffered failure of
crops will arrive here very soon and ex-
pects to purchase several hundred acres
of fruit land and a residence in this city.
A idea of the extensive business he
carried on in New York may be had from
the fact that he owned his own steamers
which carried his products to market
down a little river in northern New
York. Other smaller growers who are
discouraged with the uncertain crops in
other parts are looking to the Michigan
fruit belt as a new field for their busi-
ness and to the city of Benton Harbor
for a home.

A QUEER CASE.

Secretary of the Niles Paper Com-
pany in Trouble.

The Niles Paper Mill company are
the defendants in a peculiar suit to be
tried this week in the circuit court at
Kalamazoo. The plaintiffs are Smith,
Stilwell, Blerce & Company, of Kala-
mazoo, and they will be represented by
Gore & Harvey, of this city.

The suit is brought to recover on an
account of \$600, representing a quan-
tity of machinery purchased by the
secretary of the Niles Paper Mill
company on the credit of the Niles concern
and ordered shipped by him to the Al-
legan Paper company at Allegan,
in which he is president, and one of
the chief stockholders.

The Niles company will endeavor to
show that the machinery was pur-
chased without their knowledge and in
trust of its rights.

CHAIN LINKS IN HIS LUNGS.

The Cause of the Death of Philip
Brew Near Galion.

GALION, Feb. 11.—Philip Brew died
at New Carlisle, Ind., seven miles from
here yesterday afternoon, from the
effects of two links of log chain which

had been in his lung 30 years.

Brew served in the late war without
harm. Shortly after the war he attended
a logging bee. A heavy chain broke
and two links struck him on the left
side above the heart, pushed through
his body, and lodged directly
under the shoulder blade. He did not
have the links removed, and they
bothered him ever since, appearing
sometimes in one part of the body,
sometimes in another. The last few
days he bled profusely from the mouth.

At his own request, the links will be
cut out by the physicians. The case
is attracting considerable attention
among the medical profession.

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Story of the Proceedings in the
Famous Hickory Creek
Drain.

FARMERS NOW FIGHTING IT.

Artificial Waterway Extending
Through Lake And Weesaw
Township.

The history of Hickory Creek drain
is like a romance.

Hickory Creek drain is an artificial
waterway and as surveyed will traverse
a great tract of lowland extending
through Weesaw and Lake townships.
There was a necessity for the drain
and the majority of the fruit growers
whose farms it crosses favored it, otherwise
its construction would never have begun.

The application for the drain was
made and filed with Drain Commis-
sioner Clark December 28, 1894. It
starts in section one of Weesaw town-
ship and entering Lake traverses that
township its entire length following as
near as practicable the general course
of Hickory Creek. The application was
signed by 23 of the property holders
whose lands the drain traversed and it
was then admitted that the establish-
ment of the drain was conducive to the
public health and business interests of
the community.

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The operetta, "Penelope," will be pre-
sented at the Hotel Whitcomb tonight
for the benefit of the ladies' guild of
the Episcopal church. Dancing will be
enjoyed after the entertainment.

Miss Mamie Lynch was very cleverly
and delightfully surprised at her home
on Cleveland avenue last night by several
sleight-of-hand friends of merry-making.

This discovery placed Mr. Allendinger
in dire straits. He must if possible
secure a correction in the pro-
ceedings without suffering the loss of
the expense he had been to something
over \$2,000—and how to do this was a
serious problem. He finally saw a way
out. He continued with the prosecution
of his work on the drain, his at-
torneys succeeding in adjourning the
trespass suits from one week to another
during which time he succeeded in
influencing a friendly party in the
person of Charles L. Lemon, of Lake
township, to file a bill in chancery asking
that he (Allendinger) be restrained
from further work upon the
proposed waterway.

The case was argued before Judge
Coolidge at Niles, Gore & Harvey ap-
pearing for the petitioner, Charles L.
Lemon, and James O'Hara representing
Mr. Allendinger. The injunction
was granted and in his order Judge
Coolidge decreed that all proceedings
of the drain commissioner relative to
Hickory Creek drain, subsequent to
the first order of determination therein,
and except such releases of right
as may have been executed and delivered,
were insufficient, illegal and void.

Mr. Allendinger at once ceased
work and the drain commissioner set
to work to correct the proceedings
back to the first order of determination.
The opposition to the construction has
greatly increased and the question of
the commissioner's right to correct
the proceedings has become an issue.

Many of the property holders hold that
another application for the drain must
be filed and the proceedings from the
beginning as required by the drain
law observed before the drain can be
established.

This question will be determined be-
fore the judge of probate February 23,
at which time a warrant strike. It is ex-
pected will be witness.

Mr. Allendinger succeeded in having
the trespass suits against him dis-
missed by the payment of the costs
which he gladly consented to do. These
concessions, of course, were not made
by Mr. Allendinger until after he
had been enjoined from further work
upon the drain.

If it is decided that the drain can be
constructed Mr. Allendinger will no
doubt be awarded the contract for the
reason that with one mile of the drain
completed and his machinery on the
ground he can afford to under bid any
of his competitors.

INJURED WHILE COASTING.

Agard Bailey, Son of the Banker,
Meets With an accident.

Agard Bailey, son of banker S. A.
Bailey received a severe injury to his
knees today while coasting on the hill
by the water works station. An
ugly wound, laying the flesh open al-
most to the bone, was discovered by
Dr. George Bell who was called to at-
tend the injured boy. The bone was
not injured and the physician says the
wound will heal without affecting the

STORY OF RICHES.

It Is Told Concerning a Berrien
County Man.

The Detroit Evening News prints the
story that Joseph Ousdileter, a farmer
living six miles south of St. Joseph, is
said to have found \$10,000 while dig-
ging a cellar for a new house. The
money was in a rusty iron box and con-
sisted mostly of gold coin.

Mr. Ormsflicker kept his find a secret
for some time, but finally sold his farm
and moved to Chicago with his new
found wealth. He is a native of Germany
and can scarcely speak English.

It is said that the money was buried
by an Indian chief 35 years ago, to pre-
vent it from being stolen by a rival
tribe. The Indians soon came here 25
years ago to find the money, which he
said had been buried on the bank of a
stream near pine tree.

BY A VIOLENT DOG.

A Child on Britain Avenue a Sad
Sufferer.

The three year old child of Mrs.
Abie, who lives at the foot of Britain
avenue, was badly bitten by a mad dog
this morning. The child was at play.

The dog bit through the upper lip
and badly lacerated the lower lip of
the child. Dr. Freemyer took three
stitches in the upper lip and dressed
the wounds to the lower lip.

The matter has been reported to the
police and when the owner of the dog
is located he will probably be invited
to shoot the dangerous brute.

ST. JOSEPH.

Fred Potter has returned from Hou-
ston where he was employed by the
Mengerhaler Linotype company as
operator.

Robert E. Wrege who has been occu-
pied with the construction of the fog
whistle here has returned to Detroit.

James Sasseman, of Baroda, was con-
victed this morning before Justice Bal-
dry on the charge of being drunk and
 disorderly and was sentenced to 20
days in the county jail.

The Nineteenth Century Club is enter-
taining the other ladies' clubs of the
two cities at the home of Mrs. H. B.
Rosenthal this afternoon.

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A masquerade ball will be held at
the Academy of Music tonight.

The next meeting of the Prosperity
Club will occur at the residence of
Dona Hutchinson.

Mrs. Baslett left today for Chicago
to join her son, H. B. Baslett, clerk of
the steamer Jay Gould, whose sudden
disappearance Monday caused consider-
able excitement.

HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Fred Allen visited some of the
classes Wednesday afternoon.

Philip Kephart, class of '96, was
present during chapel Tuesday morn-
ing.

Mr. Perry and Mr. Richards of Fair-
Play were visitors Tuesday afternoon.
This week has been one of interest
in the rhetorical work. On Monday
an essay on Shakespeare was read by
Frank King in which the life of the
great dramatist was well presented.

On Tuesday a recitation by Arlie Merill
in which the failings of the gentler
sex were displayed on their shopping
trips; also an essay on William Pitt by
Earl Murray who characterized him as
working toward the end of "making
England the greatest country in the
world and Lord Chatham the greatest
man in England." On Wednesday a
recitation by Bay McClurg, "The
Lazy Family," depicting the sad fate
of a family who froze to death because
they were not inclined to bring in
wood to keep up the fire; an essay,
"Colonel Ellsworth

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WHAT BALL.

Chicago Record: It is earnestly to be hoped that this Bradley Martin function does not represent the ultimate reach of New York society.

The bill was as fine as about \$300,000 could make it, but it is not learned that the Bradley Martins have stenciled the limit of ball giving. What is wanted in the next great social display in the eastern metropolis is a show which will really be unsurpassable. In its proof that the hosts and guests have so much money that it is a hard job to spend it.

It is to be trusted that the successor of Mrs. Bradley Martin in her efforts to make something really worth while will not neglect to exhibit her bank account, for instance, in each of the rooms where the reception is to be held. Mrs. Martin stood on a dais emblazoned with flowers, but a dais emblazoned with a fine floral display of United States greenbacks would serve the purpose much better. Four or five dinners should be served throughout the evening, and the caterer's bill, printed on embossed paper and neatly tucked in under the dessert, should be handed to each guest. Every guest should be allowed to wear a tag showing the cost of his apparel and the exact size and belt of his or her jewelry. A detective neatly costumed in broadcloth and a white waistcoat should, of course, accompany every visitor from the time he leaves his carriage until the time he finishes feeding and dancing and starts for home. After that it will be sufficient to have the members of the Broadway squad look after him until he gets to his residence.

This would be a ball worth talking about. If it failed to attract sufficient attention, a brass band carrying illuminated placards detailing the glories of the event could be hired to march up and down 5th avenue, and public speakers could be seen to talk about it on the street corners. Afterwards the hosts could issue a certified statement detailing the cost of the whole show and presenting affidavits to prove that the entire amount expended would be bigger than one of Mr. Pierpont Morgan's biggest bond deals. Let's have some style about us.

This Chicago Times-Herald quotes Major McKinley as saying that the politicians who want consular appointments must wait awhile. Mr. McKinley says his first duty is to call an extra session of congress to pass laws to bring relief to a suffering country. He will look after the needs of the hungry politicians after relief has been given a starving country. The people will applaud this decision.

GENERAL Newton Martin Curtis, a congressman living at Ogdensburg, N. Y., will soon talk to the Michigan legislature on capital punishment, a subject in which Mr. Curtis pronounces himself an authority. Mr. Curtis is over six feet tall. In the battle at Fort Fisher he lost one of his eyes and for this he has called himself the "Hero of Fort Fisher." The story was generally circulated at his home after the war that the real hero at that historic battle was not General Curtis but the contents of a flask which had disappeared a short time before. If the general doesn't know any more about capital punishment than he did about English grammar ten years ago the members of the legislature who happen to miss his talk will be lucky.

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Crackers, per pound.....	5c	sweet Chocolate.....	7c
1 gal. Cider Vinegar.....	12c	California Peaches, 3 cans.....	15c
Golden Syrup, per gal.....	20c	Golden Pumpkin.....	9c
1 lb. Best Cocanut.....	15c	Salt Pork.....	5c
1-2 lb. Best Cocanut.....	10c	Arm and Hammer Soda.....	6c
2 lb. package Buckwheat.....	5c	Magic Yeast and Yeast Foam.....	3c
Matches, per package, 300 count.....	10c	25c Tea.....	10c
5 gallon Oil Can.....	50c	8c	8c
1 lb. Best Coo Tea.....	33c	Bapoli.....	4c
2 lb. package Rolled Oats.....	7c	Bulk Starch.....	4c
1 lb. Good Java Coffee.....	28c	1 lb. Dr. Price's Baking Powder.....	40c
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CARNEGIE ALL RIGHT.

The Collapse of the Steel Rail Combine Has No Terror for This Millionaire.

HE IS READY FOR COMPETITION

The Pittsburgh Iron King Holds a Conference With His Lieutenants.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 12. Andrew Carnegie arrived in the city Wednesday night and was received yesterday with the officials of the Carnegie Steel company. United, denying himself to all interviewers. None of the officials of the company would express themselves upon the recent collapse of the billet and rail pools, and the threatened dissolution of the iron ore combination. The iron and steel market is in a highly agitated state over the present condition, but it is evident that the Carnegie company is by no means worried over the prospect of open markets with the fiercest competition. A prominent steel manufacturer said: "As far as low prices of billets and steel rails are concerned, it is generally conceded that the Carnegie are prepared to compete under any conditions." Their recent completion of the two largest blast furnaces in the world, by which the cost of pig iron is reduced, their alliance with the coke interests, and the fact that they are paying a wide scale which contains a 10 per cent. bonus that can be taken off at any time, gives them an advantage that is conceded in iron and steel circles.

Iron Ore Combine May Also Collapse.

A matter that is interesting the trade particularly at this time is the question whether the iron ore combination can withstand the influence that has been wrecking the combinations on finished products. Last year the output of ore was apportioned among the manufacturers with a view to limiting the production to 10,000,000 tons and putting the price up from \$2.00 per ton to \$4 and maintaining it at that point. This was accomplished throughout the year, but it had as a sustaining influence the steel rail, billet and beam pools, which kept up the price of finished products.

The recent fifty-year lease of the Mountain Iron mine in the Mesabi range from the Rockefeller interests by the Carnegie Steel company may prove a large factor in the ore pool. It will enable this company to secure a large amount of its ore at a decided advantage, and this advantage will be enhanced by the low railroad rates on the Butler and Pittsburgh railroad, which the Carnegie company is building from Pittsburgh to the lakes.

HOW IT IS VIEWED AT CLEVELAND.

Steel Pool Collapse is the All-Absorbing Topic of Conversation.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—The collapse of the steel pool and the sharp decline in prices is the all absorbing topic of conversation around the offices of ore producers and iron and steel manufacturers in this city. The ore producers have held several meetings here during the past two or three months, but in each case have adjourned without deciding upon a policy or fixing prices for the present year. Another meeting was to have taken place here Feb. 16, but it is stated that for various reasons it has been postponed and will not be held until toward the latter part of the present month. It is expected that the ore men will either enter into a joint agreement with regards to output and prices or will decide to let each man shift for himself.

John D. Rockefeller has been represented in the meetings of the ore producers heretofore held during the winter, and it is understood will be represented at the coming gathering this month. The consensus of opinion among the larger ore producers seems to be that there is no better reason than ever why the operators should enter into an agreement. It is pointed out that with the collapse of the steel pool and the demoralization of prices on finished goods, there must necessarily be a big increase in consumption on account of buyers desiring to take advantage of low prices. This will, of course, stimulate the demand for ore and the operators while admitting that their prices should largely be regulated by quotations on the finished product, believe that they should now, of all times, work together harmoniously.

One of the largest ore producers on Lake Superior said that beyond the fact that Mr. Carnegie had leased from John D. Rockefeller one or two mines, he felt confident that there had been no further deal between them and that all the talk about consolidation of interests or working arrangement between the two was without foundation.

What is called the last move in a long line of reductions has been made by Carnegie. Heretofore he has delayed his cut through middlemen. However, he will use the Rockefeller ore and it will be looked after by his Cleveland agent. An item of interest in connection with the collapse of the rail pool is the fact that the Cleveland rolling mill company has been receiving \$100,000 per annum for refracting from Rockefeller steel rails. Many of the Cleveland ore men claim that the ore pool is not affected by the death of the rail and billet pools for the reason that the railroads, taking advantage of the lower prices, are putting in heavy orders for rails which will eat for a vast quantity of ore.

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Where the Mistletoe Grows.

Mistletoe for centuries has been one of the most important factors in Yuletide decorations. Its use dating back as far as the days of the Druids. The hanging of the mistletoe on Christmas eve, between 11 and 12 o'clock, in many homes is the beginning of the season's merrymaking. The hough is hung in a place where there will be no obstacle to passing under it, and the penalty for being caught beneath its branches all know.

The mistletoe of the Druids is Viscum album. It is a true parasite, existing on the sap of other trees, and never at any time is it in contact with the soil. It grows freely on apple, pear and plum trees, on poplars, thorns, maples and basswood, and rarely on the oak. It is said that the only sacred mistletoe of the Druids was that found upon the oak. The propagation is by the seeds. These are covered with a translucent, gummy substance. They are placed in position by birds, which in trying to rid their beaks of the sticky seeds rub them on the bark. The seeds which are deposited on the east or north side of the tree grow more rapidly than those to the south or west.

Some idea of the quantity of mistletoe that is used annually in London may be had when it is known that from the two counties of Worcester and Hereford alone more than 100 tons are shipped each season. Much also finds its way from Normandy and from France to the London market. Large quantities are imported yearly to New York, Boston and Philadelphia, and much reaches Chicago.

The mistletoe generally seen in the market here is a cousin to the European species and is known as Phoradendron flavescens. It is smaller, both in berries and leaf. It is found in great quantities in New Jersey and somewhat through the Carolinas, New Mexico and Indian Territory.—Chicago Record.

His Mother Would Do.

The Duke of Sutherland presented a park to one of the pottery towns. The opening was a big event, and the Prince of Wales was asked to perform the ceremony. A deputation waited on the prince accordingly, a wealthy and worthy magistrate being spokesman.

Honest old John was noted less for courtly demeanor than for being large hearted, rough and ready and real Staffordshire. Unfortunately his royal highness was unable to comply.

"I should have been most happy," said he, "had I known sooner."

"Canna tha spay half a day just to show thy fne?" said the worthy fellow. "We shall look fuless when we get back." But the prince was inexorable.

Much disconcerted, the deputation seemed at a loss how to proceed. Suddenly an idea struck their resourceful leader, and, turning to the heir apparent, he said:

"Well, if the canna come, send thy mother,"—Strand Magazine.

The Spirit of Love.

Beyond all question, it is the unutterable expression of nature that there is efficacy—divine, unspeakable efficacy—in love. The exhibition of kindness has the power to bring even the irrational animal into subjection. Show kindness to a dog, and he will remember it; he will be grateful, he will infallibly return love for love, show kindness to a lion, and you can lead him by the mane, you can thrust your head into his mouth, you can melt the untamed ferocity of his heart into an affection stronger than death. And if this blessed influence should extend itself over the earth, a moral garden of Eden would exist in every land. Instead of the thorn and briar would spring up the fir tree and the myrtle; the desert would blossom and the solitary place be made glad.—New York Ledger.

CANNES NEAR KILLING THE ENEMY.

At noon the advance company of the troops entered Bida, which is a town three miles square. Bombarding of a portion of the town was resumed, however, lasting until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when one half of the Hausa troops took possession of the town. Only fifteen of the Hausa troops were wounded. The losses of the Fulah forces were enormous. The brother of the emir of Nupe and many of the princes were severely wounded by a shell which exploded among the members of the staff of the emir, killing two men who were standing within a foot of them at the time. All of the Fulah princes fled in the direction of Sokoto.

THIRTEEN VILLAGES IN FLAMES.

Latest News from the Island-of Crete—Christians Killing Muslims.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch to The Times from Caneo says that the latest telegram from Sitala reports thirteen villages now in flames. The Christians are killing the Mohammedan inhabitants. Those who have succeeded in escaping from the scene of the massacres are flocking to Sitala, which is still in the possession of the Turks. It is feared that this news will produce a dangerous reaction at Heraklion. It is probable that the persistence of the Mohammedans in preventing the departure of Christians and foreigners will make necessary active measures on the part of the commanders of the foreign fleet.

An Italian officer of the new garrison has gone to Kisan to investigate the reports of the atrocities there.

A dispatch to The Times from Constantinople says that a special cabinet council is sitting at Yildiz Palace for the purpose of discussing the situation in Crete. A dispatch to The Times from Vienna says that it is stated that Austria will remonstrate with Greece against the dispatch of a torpedo flotilla to Crete under the command of Prince George. The papers are full of long telegrams from European capitals, and editorials dealing with the gravity of the situation in Crete, and expressing fears of war between Turkey and Greece.

The Daily News correspondent at home says: "I learn that although the powers have announced Greeks against precipitating a war they have given her to understand that if she succeeds in occupying Crete they will not object to the accomplished fact."

COSTLY FIRE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Feb. 12.—At 1 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the four-story brick building at 172 Madison street. The building was entirely burned out at a loss of about \$10,000 to its owners and entailing a loss of \$60,000 to Foster, Son & Co. The flames spread to the six-story building adjoining on the east and ruined the two upper stories. This building is occupied by Powers & O'Brien, who run an elaborate saloon. Their loss will be heavy.

COMBINE IN SOFT COAL.

Cleveland, Feb. 12.—An evening paper says: At a secret meeting held in this city Wednesday there was consummated an agreement that will practically control the soft coal product of the state. It was a session of representatives of the Ohio soft coal association and of railroads in the association territory. It was decided to establish a single sales agency for all of the Ohio bituminous

TROUBLE IN CRETE.

John Bull Had an Army of 1,000 to Fight 20,000 Barbaric Warriors.

SITUATION IS BELLIGERENT.

Battle Scene That Recalls Scott's Stories of the Crusaders.

London, Feb. 12.—A dispatch from Bida, dated Jan. 27, gives additional details concerning the advance of the columns of the royal Niger company's expedition against the emir of Nupe.

The fighting in the vicinity of Bida, the Fulah capital, which was stopped by darkness on the evening of Jan. 26, was resumed at daylight on the morning of Jan. 27. Half of the British forces, which consisted of 500 troops, six Maxim, twenty-six mounted officers and 900 carriers, were ordered to cross a ravine near the ridge on which the troops of the royal Niger company's expedition had been stationed during the night.

As they crossed the ravine it was noticed that the Fulah scouts were watching.

The troops accordingly formed in a half square, the guns following, the rear half of the force then closed

up on the front half, forming a complete square. The British forces advanced steadily, halting every 200 yards for the purpose of allowing the guns to keep

Forest of the Enemy Appear.

The massed forces of the enemy soon appeared, covering the surrounding slopes and constituting a splendid panorama, their eastern or semi-barbarous costumes in the sunlight recalling Scott's tales of the crusaders. The square of the royal Niger company's forces was soon completely surrounded by 20,000 cavalry and footmen. The reduction from the estimate of 30,000 made on Jan. 26 was due to the death of two of the important princes, rulers of the Moslem states, allies of the Mohammedan emir of Nupe and vassals like the emir of Nupe dependent on the great Mohammedan empire of Sokoto.

When these two princes and rulers were killed by the soldiers of the British forces withdrew from the army of the emir of Nupe.

Fulah Sharpshooters Were Daring.

The royal Niger troops continued to advance slowly until they reached a ridge town commanding Bida. They soon took up a strong position on the reverse of the slope and continued to re-commence throughout the day. Their forces were constantly harassed by the Fulah sharpshooters, who daringly advanced to within a hundred yards of the square.

Swarming of the enemy's cavalry charged on the royal Niger forces, but they were badly shattered, owing to the effective use of the Maxim guns.

At 10:30 the artillery began bombarding the town, six Maxim guns playing on the gradually retiring masses

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FOR RENT A MODERN COTTAGE OF eight rooms and bath, \$7 per month. Taken at once. \$5 without bath. P. P. Pratt.

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FOR SALE GREEN WOOD AT \$1.00 PER cord delivered. Call or address 102 Garfield Avenue.

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"SIR - A GIRL'S LOCKET AND CHAIN, we at store of Michael & Bremmer for 14 weeks."

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A. P. REIMER, Real estate, fire, life, auto, etc., General agent for the So. Am. Arc'tic Auto Association of Indiana, No. 3931.

WADAGHAC News: Roman J. Javie, of Benton Harbor who ran for congress in this district in the recent election is in the city today. Mr. Javie is here in the city of Benton Harbor and is your insurance agent of the Michigan Mutual Life Insurance company.

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